



USAG-Bamberg Inclement Weather Procedures

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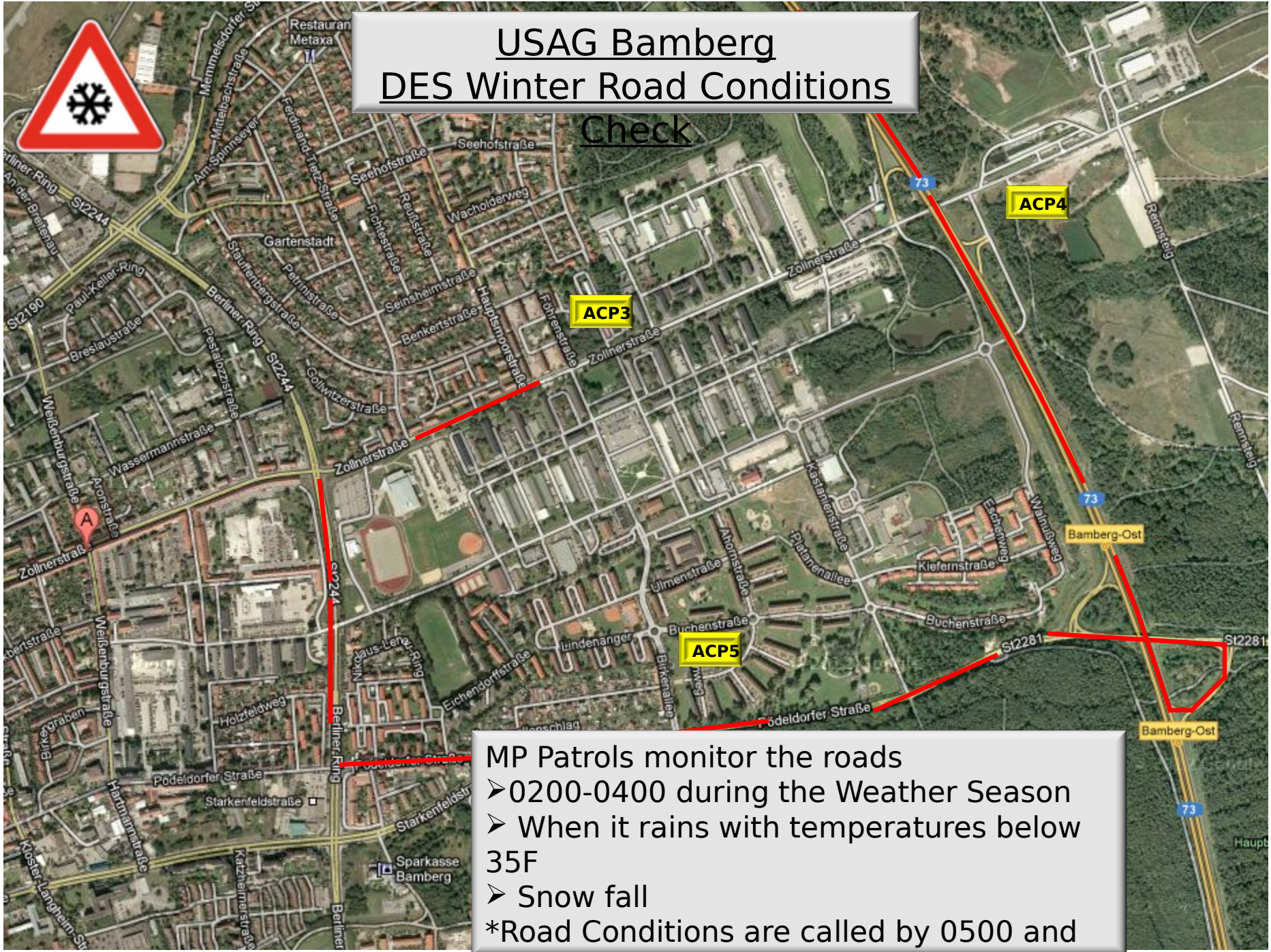
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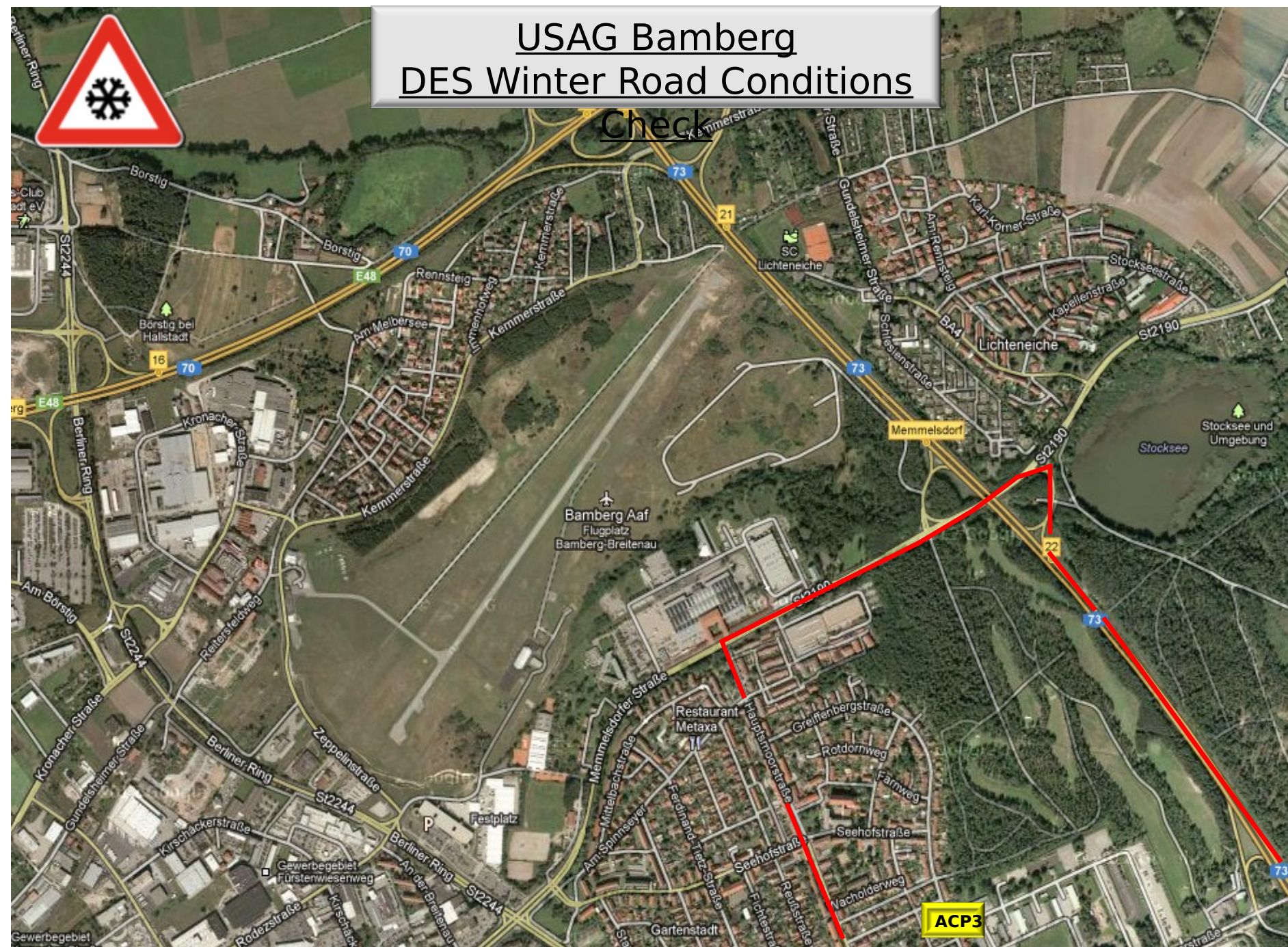


MP Patrols monitor the roads

- 0200-0400 during the Weather Season
- When it rains with temperatures below 35F
- Snow fall

*Road Conditions are called by 0500 and posted by 0530

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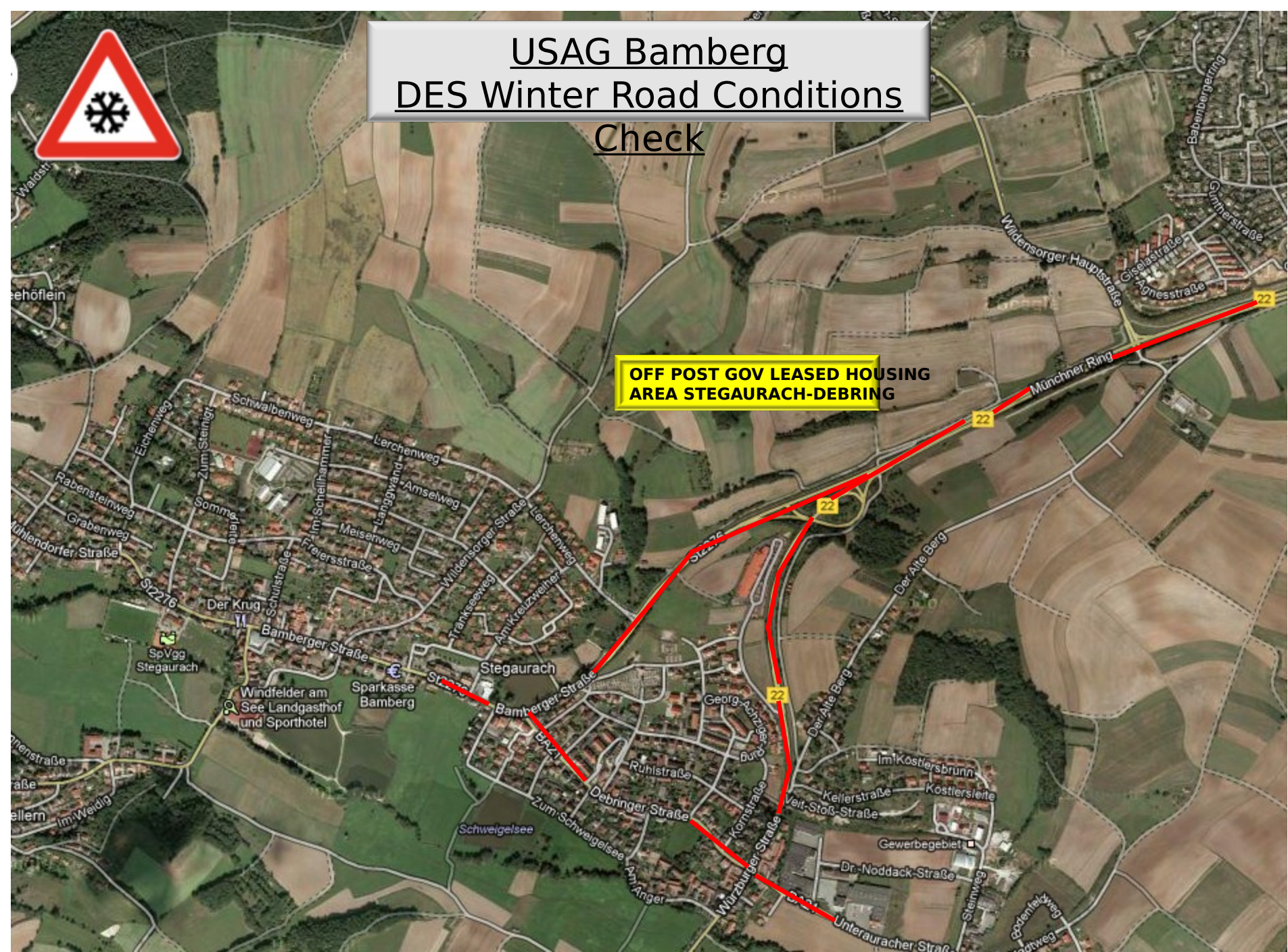
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Road Conditions Examples

- Green
- Amber
- Red
- Black

GREEN: Dry surface, with no ice or snow on the road surface



Visibility more than 50 meters



AMBER: Any of the following on the road surface:

- Patches of Black Ice/Slush
- Up to 4" of snow
- Visibility between 20-50 meters

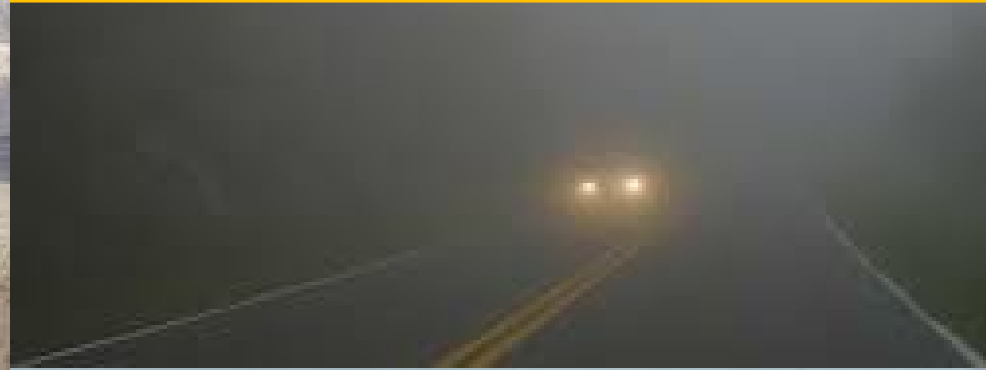


Packed Snow/Slush



Visibility 20-50
meters

**MUST reduce speed below
50kph/32mph**



Up to 4 inches of
snow



Patches of Black
Ice/Slush



- **RED**: Any of the following on the road surface:
- Flooding
- Drifting snow
- Ice Sheets
- 4-8 inches of snow
- Visibility less than 20 meters



Visibility less than 20
meters



Flooding



4-8 inches of snow



Ice Sheets



BLACK: Any of the following on the road surface:

- Heavy Flooding
- Heavy Snow Drifts
- Extreme Sheets of Ice
- More than 8 inches of snow
- Visibility less than 15 m



RED: 4 to 8 inches



Snow Drifts



BLACK: 8 inches or more



AMBER: wet road,
temperature 30F

An aerial photograph of a residential street covered in snow. A yellow arrow points from the 'AMBER' text box to a primary road. A black arrow points from the 'BLACK' text box to a secondary road.

BLACK: 8 inches or
more

Primary roads are
AMBER. Secondary
roads may not be
cleared. Use extreme
caution.
Drive within your ability.

RED: 4 to 8



Road Conditions Scenarios

- Green
- Amber
- Red
- Black

Low temperatures (below 35 F) and chance of rain.

- MP Patrols monitor roadways to identify change to the road status.
- Patrols identify wet roads and patches of ice.
- MP Desk SGT notifies the Director of Emergency Services (DES).
- DES and Garrison Commander decides to adjust to **AMBER** road conditions.
- Posted Message: **AMBER** road conditions. Patches of ICE. Use caution.
- IMCOM-Europe Road Condition & School delay/closure WebSite
- USAG Bamberg Facebook page
- USAG Bamberg Website www.Bamberg.army.mil



Light snow fall at night.

- MP Patrols monitor roadways to identify change to the road status.
- Patrols provide the Desk SGT with the information, who notifies the DES. Key information: 2" of snow with salt trucks on main roads.
- DES and Garrison Commander decides to adjust to **AMBER** road conditions.
- Posted Message: **AMBER** road conditions. Secondary roads may not be cleared. Use extreme caution. Drive within your ability.
- AFN Bavaria Radio advised of USAG Bamberg road, school and work conditions
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Significant winter weather with heavy prolonged snow.

- MP Patrols monitor designated areas and informs Desk SGT.
 - Desk SGT notifies DES, 6" of snow. Snow removal trucks are delayed.
- Minimal roads cleared.
- DES and Garrison Commander decides to adjust to **RED** road conditions with a 2 hour school delay and 0900 work call to allow snow removal.
 - Posted message: **RED** road conditions. Primary & secondary roads may not be cleared. 2 hr school delay and 0900 work call. Use extra caution.
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 - Patrols continue to monitor and assess roads.



EXTREME/SEVERE winter conditions. Prolonged heavy blizzards.

- Heavy snow throughout the evening. Currently 6 inches of snow on the roads with 4 additional inches forecasted overnight. DES and Garrison Commander decide **RED** road conditions.

- MP Patrols continue to monitor road conditions and updates the Desk SGT, who notifies the DES: 10" of snow on the roadway, snow removal trucks cannot keep up, and the roads are not clear

- DES and Garrison Commander decides to adjust to **BLACK** road conditions

- Posted Message: **BLACK** road condition. Schools are closed. Only mission essential personnel report to work, as designated by the unit chain of command. Stay home or indoors when possible. Update messages expected at 0730.

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- MP Patrols continue to monitor road conditions.

- DES and Garrison Commander adjust road condition status as

Helpful Tips

- Monitor weather updates on military and local weather channels
- Monitor road and traffic conditions on various public websites
- Message platforms:
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- Winter Driving Tips:
 - **Reduce speed and increase distance between vehicle**
 - **Do not drive outside of your comfort zone or capabilities**
 - Have the appropriate tires
 - Use snow chains
 - Add extra travel time



How You Can Get Rock Salt

- Customers can fill empty buckets with salt from a salt container at Bldg 7123 next to the Self Help or at every salt bin in Warner Barracks.
- Salt bins are monitored and refilled by DPW. If you find a bin which might require refill please call DSN 469-5000 during operation hours .

How to Use Rock Salt

- Salt works best when it has to melt only a thin layer of snow. Remove as much snow from sidewalks and driveways before applying rock salt.
- Apply rock salt evenly. Use approximately one handful per square yard. Rock salt will melt the snow and ice gradually.
- Tips & Warnings
 - Rock salt does not work well below 15 degrees Fahrenheit.
 - Do not use rock salt over plants or lawns, as it will cause severe damage.
 - Do not use rock salt over metal. It will corrode the metal.
 - Do not use rock salt in areas that the melted snow will drain into streams, rivers, and lakes. Rock salt residue can pollute the environment.



Roadside Salt Bins



Actual colors may vary



Warner Barracks



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QUESTIONS

DES Front Desk Hotline

DSN: 469-8700

CIV: 0951-300-8700

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